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SUBJ: INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY'S CALL ON AMB SCALI

1. INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY KEWAL SINGH, WITH PERMREP JAIPAL, CALLED ON AMB SCALI NOV 19. KEWAL SINGH SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN IMPROVEMENT IN INDO-U.S. UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION AS RESULT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO INDIA. HE ALLUDED TO, BUT DID NOT DISCUSS, PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR FREE ZONE PROPOSAL. REMAINDER OF CONVERSATION CENTERED ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, FUTURE OF A UN INCREASINGLY CONTROLLED BY RADICALIZED NON-ALIGNED AND PLO. AMB SCALI PAID TRIBUTE TO AMB JAIPAL, SAYING HE REALIZES AND APPRECIATES MODERATING ROLE AJIPAL TRYING TO PLAY.

2. JAIPAL SAID MEXICO SEEMS TO HAVE STAKE IN CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS BEING ADOPTED THIS SESSION, BUT INDIA PREFERS MOVING MORE SLOWLY, WORKING OUT DIFFERENCES IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF CHARTER TO WORLD COMMUNITY. SCALI SAID THAT SEN PERCY OF U.S. DEL HAS BEEN WORKING HARD ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AT UN, AND IS PARTICULARLY KEEN ON GETTING RESULTS WHICH MAKE ECONOMIC SENSE AND ARE ACCEPTABLE TO BUSINESS COMMUNITY. SCALI SAID IT ESSENTIAL FROM OUR STANDPOINT THAT

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CHARTER CONTAIN EQUITABLE PROVISIONS FOR COMPENSATION OF

NATIONALIZED BUSINESSES, AND HE UNDERSTOOD INDIA DIFFERS FROM US ON THIS HE ADDED IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR LDC'S TO ATTRACT PRIVATE INVESTMENT UNLESS FAIR RULES GOVERN COMPENSATION IN EVEN OF NATIONALIZATION. KEWAL SINGH SAID HE BELIEVED THERE HAD BEEN NO DIFFICULTY IN INDIA IN CASES OF NATIONALIZED U.S. COMPANIES, AND THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IN FINDING CHARTER FORMULATION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE ASSURANCES TO POTENTIAL INVESTORS.

3. JAIPAL EXPRESSED PRESSIMISM ABOUT GETTING SENSIBLE ECONOMIC CHARTER PASSED SAYING HE HAD TALKED TO "THOSE PEOPLE" (PRESUMABLY RADICAL NON-ALIGNED) AND THEY WERE CONCERNED ONLY WITH THEORY. HE AKSED RHETORICALLY HOW LDC'S COULD EXPECT TO GET PRIVATE INVESTMENT UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. SCALI SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE INDIA'S SUPPORT ON MATTERS SUCH AS THE CHARTER. KEWAL SINGH SAID IT NOT EASY FOR INDIA TO OPPOSE NON-ALIGNED MAJORITY AND JAIPAL ADDED, "IF WE ARE NOT PART OF IT, WE GET PUSHED ASIDE."

4. SCALI EXPLAINED CURRENT U.S. DISILLUSIONMENT WITH UN, PARTICULARLY THAT EXPRESSED BY RECENT CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS. HE SAID THERE ALWAYS HAS BEEN SEGMENT OF PUBLIC OPINION WHICH ANTI-UN, BUT MANY FORMER UN SUPPORTERS ARE QUESTIONING DIRECTION OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE UN INCREASINGLY SEEMS TO BE OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE REAL WORLD; THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER MORE APTLY IS THE NEW ILLUSION ORDER. SCALI ADDED HE DEEPLY DISTURBED ABOUT UN FUTURE, IF THIRD WORLD MAJORITY CONTINUES PRESS ILLEGAL DECISIONS SUCH AS SAG EXPULSION.

5. SCALI SAID THAT WHENEVER THERE DIVISION IN NON-ALIGNED RANKS, HARD-LINERS WIN OUT. CITING EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID BLACK AFRICAN MODERATES AT FIRST SAID THEY WLD BE CONTENT WITH TOUGH RESOLUTION WHICH STOPPED SHORT OF EXPULSION. THEY WERE CLEARLY ELBOWED ASIDE BY MILITANTS. ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF IRRESPONSIBLE UN ACTION IS RECEPTION GIVEN PLO AND LIKELIHOOD THAT UNREALISTIC RESOLUTIONS WILL BE PASSED WHICH WILL SET BACK CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. JAIPAL SAID PLO IS DEVIDED WITHIN ITSELF. HE SEEMED TO AGREE WITH SCALI'S CONTENTION THAT WHEN THERE ARE SUCH DIVISIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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HARD LINERS WIN OUT. KEWAL SINGH SAID HE BELIEVED PLO WAS ANXIOUS THAT ITS RESOLUTIONS GET MAXIMUM SUPPORT, AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE 105 VOTES (THE NUMBER WHICH APPROVED INVITING PLO TO THE GA) TO DEOMNSTRATE THERE NO LESSENING OF UN SUPPORT FOR THE PLO.

6. KEWAL SINGH SAID HE PLEASED THAT SCALI HAD SPOKEN SO FRANKLY TO HIM. HE SAID THE UN SHOULD WORK WITH SOBRIETY AND MATURITY,

AND NOT LIKE A STEAMROLLER.

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